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**THALIAN ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY THEATRE HOLDS EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT
TO BENEFIT SHE ROCKS**

WILMINGTON, NC, April 2, 2020— On February 29, 2020, Thalian Association Community Theatre presented a Divine Divas fundraiser at the Terraces on Sir Tyler that benefited both Thalian Association Community Theatre (TACT) and She ROCKS, a Wilmington-based organization that funds ovarian cancer research and provides local support for all people who are being treated at NHRMC Zimmer Cancer Center.

Titled "Divine Divas Present: Come to the Cabaret," the event included a Broadway revue featuring performers from Wilmington's theatre community, as well as cocktails, dinner, and both live and silent auctions.

The host for the evening was Star News Wilmington Theatre Award winner Jeff Phillips, with Pait Skipper of Cape Fear Jewelry serving as auctioneer. Approximately 175 people attended the event that raised \$9,042.82 for She ROCKS. Over a four-year period, Thalian Association Community Theatre has donated \$24,533.86 to She ROCKS.

"TACT always needs a fundraiser, but we wanted to support another community organization as well," said Susan Habas, Executive Director of Thalian Association Community Theatre. "Ovarian cancer had impacted our community theatre family, so we wanted to support She ROCKS and celebrate the amazing women and families working together to fund research and treatment for this disease."

"The She ROCKS - TACT collaboration continues our 232-year tradition of supporting citizens of the Cape Fear region," she added.

"I am in charge of today and I chose hope. Each day I wake up with gratitude." -Beth Quinn, She ROCKS cofounder

Habas explained that the first three Divine Divas events were two-night concerts at the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center.

“This year, however, our President Joan Loch thought it was time to go to the next level,” said Habas. “Her vision was an elegant cabaret atmosphere, complete with a wonderful dining experience to create a unique night out for our guests. It was magical!”

The organization is already planning the 2021 event, which will be titled “Divine Divas Present All That Jazz.” The date and location will be announced soon.

About She ROCKS

She ROCKS, Inc. was formed in May 2014 with the intention to raise funds for ovarian cancer research and to provide knowledge and local support to those affected by all types of cancer. She ROCKS began in Wilmington, and has expanded to include She ROCKS The Triad, serving Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem. Since its inception, She ROCKS has raised more than one million dollars. The organization gives seventy-five percent of the funds to UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center to fund ovarian cancer research, and twenty-five percent to NHRMC Zimmer Cancer Center to purchase support items, such as new chemo chairs for the infusion suite, gas cards, wigs, and numerous other comfort and care items.

About Thalian Association Community Theatre (TACT)

Established in 1788, Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to enhancing the Cape Fear region through live community theatre and arts education. Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall and professionally manages the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. The youth theatre program offers training and performance opportunities for children age seven through high school seniors. In 2007, Thalian Association Community Theatre was designated North Carolina's Official Community Theater by the state legislature. For more information, visit www.thalian.org.

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